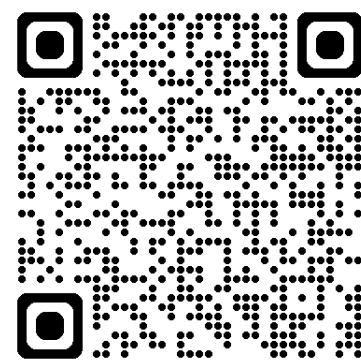




Capitalism isn't working

No jobs to be found

WW COMMENTARY

By Martha Grevatt

On August 1, President Donald Trump fired Dr. Erika McEntarfer, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The cause for discipline was a less-than-optimistic jobs report that Trump claimed was “rigged.” The report was based on actual statistics using the methodology the BLS has employed since its inception regardless of who occupied the White House.

If the president hoped that getting rid of McEntarfer would yield a more positive jobs report a month later, he was dead wrong. Firing the messenger didn’t solve the economic crisis of capitalism.

According to the BLS, only 22,000 new jobs were created in August, fewer than the 73,000 created in July. Thus there are not enough jobs for new workers entering the workforce.



Federal Job Corps workers protest layoffs, Prestonburg, Kentucky, June 5, 2025.

The official unemployment rate showed little change, edging up slightly to 4.3% — 7.4 million people — since McEntarfer’s retaliatory firing. Another 4.7 million people are underemployed — wanting a full time job but only working part time.

There are an additional 6.4 million people “not in the labor force who wanted a

job” because they were not actively looking for work in the four weeks covered in the August survey. (bls.gov, Sept. 5)

In other words, there are officially at least 18.5 million people and their families impacted by unemployment! That’s a crisis!

Additional statistics released on Sept. 9 don’t make the economic picture any prettier. That day the “revised” numbers for March 2024 through March 2025 showed that 911,000 fewer jobs were added than the number in previous monthly figures — half as many as originally reported. (nytimes.com, Sept. 9) There is no economic boom.

No, Trump can’t “fix” the facts — he is actually contributing to them. Among the unemployed are the federal workers Trump had fired in the name of “efficiency.” His policies are hitting workers of color particularly hard; the laid-off federal workers who lost jobs include 300,000 Black women.

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Lies & hype around the Kirk assassination

Let’s first make it clear who the perpetrators of violence are. In the first half of September:

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The U.S.-armed Israelis killed hundreds of Palestinian civilians daily, adding to the total of tens of thousands of children murdered during 23 months of genocide. Warplanes bomb civilians and Israeli snipers execute children with single shots to the head, abdomen or heart. Washington supplies political and diplomatic support and weapons.

Trump sent seven U.S. warships

with 4,500 personnel, including 2,200 Marines, to the Caribbean with a license to kill. And to threaten Venezuela. Trump showed a video of these ships blowing up a small boat, killing 11 crew members, and boasting of his action — which is illegal under international and U.S. law. Without evidence, he labeled the victims as drug dealers.

Trump sent masked and armed Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to occupy cities and round up workers they decide don’t look or sound like they were born in the United States. ICE agents shot and killed a Mexican man near Chicago.

The events show that the source of violence is the U.S. imperialist state apparatus. That’s true whoever is in the White House. Trump’s boasts and bluster and his slander of its targets heightens the toxic atmosphere that state violence creates.

We in Workers World Party mourn the Palestinian children and all Palestinians who the U.S.-Israeli actions have massacred. We mourn the Mexican father killed by ICE agents. We protest the terror imposed on Venezuelan fishers. We mourn the loss of workers and oppressed peoples everywhere who are martyred.

But we don’t mourn fascists. We don’t mourn propagandists for racist ideology. We don’t mourn mouthpieces for misogyny. We don’t mourn those who attack the

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Long live Indigenous Peoples Day!

By WW newspaper staff

Boston’s announcement on Oct. 6, 2021, that the second Monday of October every year would be Indigenous Peoples Day “in lieu of” Columbus Day was a victory for Native peoples, since the U.S. settler-colonial project, which resulted in genocide and the theft and devastation of their lands and cultures, began and continues in what is now Massachusetts.

Two days later, the Biden administration proclaimed a federal Indigenous Peoples Day, which acknowledged the atrocities which “European explorers inflicted on Tribal nations and Indigenous communities.” These pronouncements came about due to the strong, unified struggles by Indigenous peoples and their allies, notably at Standing Rock against the Dakota Access Pipeline, the courageous, militant fight that shut down the Keystone XL Pipeline and more.

The movement for recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day began in the 1970s. A delegation of Native nations to the U.N.-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas, held in Geneva in 1977, first proposed replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day; their resolution passed.

Then, in July 1990, representatives from 120 Indigenous

nations from throughout the Americas met in Quito, Ecuador, at the First Continental Conference on “500 Years of Indian Resistance.” They unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day in 1992 “into an occasion to strengthen our process of continental unity and struggle towards our liberation.”

In 1992, Berkeley, California, became the first U.S. city to adopt Indigenous Peoples Day. Since then, 17 states, Washington, D.C., and over 130 cities have dumped the Columbus Day holiday honoring the racist, genocidal conqueror and recognized Indigenous peoples, their history and cultures on that day.

Today, Workers World Party expresses solidarity with the Indigenous Palestinian people and the Palestinian Resistance. Our newspaper has posted the Resistance groups’ statements and written about their valiant fight against U.S.-backed, Zionist settler colonialism for decades — especially since October 7, 2023, and the Al-Aqsa Flood.

Workers World Party has continually supported the righteous struggles of Native peoples on the streets and in our newspaper. WWP joins Indigenous communities to demand: Sink Columbus Day! Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day everywhere! Land Back! Free Palestine!



Indigenous Peoples Day, Oct. 21, 2021, Philadelphia.

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Mobilizing for Mumia

By Betsey Piette

For over nine months the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections denied political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal the treatment he needed to reverse vision loss and prevent blindness. His eyesight had been severely diminished due to the prison’s medical neglect. But persistent and widespread pressure including phone-in campaigns to the PA DOC, a virtual press conference on Aug. 22, and a demonstration outside Mahanoy State Correctional Institute on Aug. 31, finally resulted in Mumia receiving cataract 2 laser surgery on his left eye on Sept. 2.

While Mumia reports that he is able to see better, and thanks everyone for their support, he still needs cataract 2 surgery on his right eye, and treatment for diabetic retinopathy that was diagnosed in June when his legal and medical teams secured off-site treatment with an independent ophthalmologist. The eye expert confirmed the progression of his eye disease and reported Mumia needed treatment immediately or risked permanent blindness.

At the Aug. 22 press conference, Dr. Ricardo Alvarez, Mumia’s chosen doctor explained: “In 2015, Mumia suffered a diabetic coma due to the overuse of steroids to treat severe dermatitis, which left him with undiagnosed retinal diabetes.” The condition can be treated but requires a three-month course of injections. Delaying treatment, as the PA DOC has done, clearly constitutes elder abuse. Supporters are urged to continue calling the DOC.

As the next step in securing necessary medical treatment, and elevating the political struggle to free Mumia, activists gathered at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York, on Sept. 13, with others joining the hybrid meeting via Zoom. The meeting discussed the ramifications of recent court rulings denying Abu-Jamal’s appeals, and what, if any, legal steps are still available.

Through appeals that began in 2016, attorneys for Mumia challenged the judicial bias demonstrated by former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Ronald Castille, who presided over earlier appeals. They argued that Castille should have recused himself due to his past comments and actions as district attorney suggesting potential bias against defendants accused of killing police officers.

After Philadelphia Judge Leon Tucker ruled that Abu-Jamal could reargue his state appeals in December 2018, several boxes of evidence were found hidden in a storage room in the district attorney’s office.

The six boxes that were “discovered” contained credible new evidence of prosecutorial

misconduct, including Brady violations based on incentives promised to the state’s key witness Robert Chobert to give false testimony. [A Brady violation refers to evidence withheld by the prosecution.]

Other evidence included handwritten jury selection notes from Assistant District Attorney Joseph McGill, at the time of Mumia’s original 1982 trial, detailing the

impermissible strike pattern targeting eligible Black jurors over white jurors — a Batson violation, referring to a ruling that jurors cannot be excluded solely “on the basis of race.”

But Mumia’s petition for a new evidentiary hearing was dismissed by Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Lucretia Clemons in April 2023 who claimed it was “not material” and wouldn’t have altered the jury’s verdict.

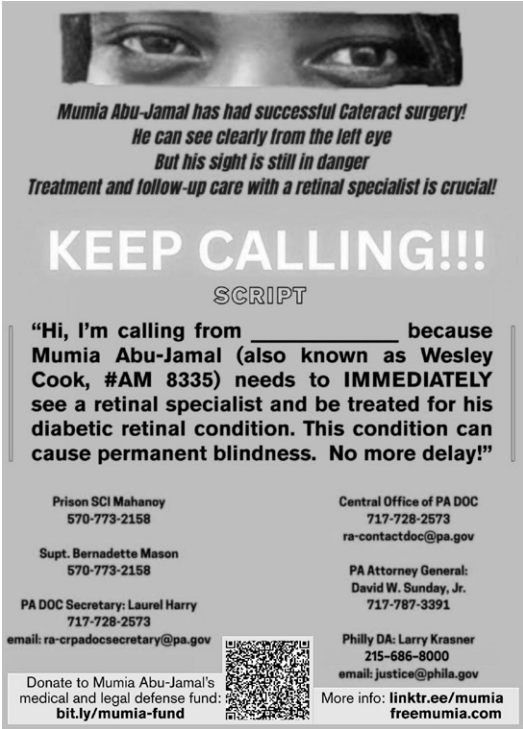
The only “legal” option open to Mumia would be to argue innocence. The Conviction Integrity Unit, created by District Attorney Larry Krasner in 2018, has overturned 40 convictions, but will only consider cases where innocence is claimed. Another prospect discussed was to reach out to the French collective which was instrumental in winning freedom for Georges Abdullah, a former Palestinian political prisoner who was imprisoned for 40 years.

Direct actions planned

Plans were initiated for two more direct actions outside SCI Mahanoy on Sept. 18 and 27, and the idea of a walk from Philadelphia to the prison in the spring of 2026 was discussed. The gathering also strategized on ways to broaden the movement through outreach to college and university students, many who are under attack by the state for activism supporting Palestine.

The informational campaign could raise Mumia’s activism as a student. At 14, he was brutalized by police when he led a march against racist presidential candidate George Wallace as he was speaking in Philadelphia. His organizing began when he tried to get his high school — Benjamin Franklin High — renamed for Malcolm X.

Each stage in Mumia’s case — from winning his release from death row to securing necessary treatments for hepatitis C and now caring for his vision problems — has relied on his supporters taking his struggle to the streets through historic international mobilizations. Things are no different today. □



Medical staff deny care to abuse prisoners

By Kevin "Rashid" Johnson

Tyrone Perry is a 46-year-old Black man imprisoned in South Carolina's Perry Correctional Institution (PCI). He's been imprisoned in South Carolina for 20 years. Throughout this time he's endured medical and mental health neglect while suffering degenerative brain disease and life-threatening medical conditions.

Mr. Perry suffers from pulmonary hypertension, diastolic dysfunction and small vessel disease in his brain. His conditions require ongoing monitoring and assessments of his blood pressure and heart by on-site providers and hospital specialists and chronic care. His brain disease causes him frequent headaches,

serious seizures and leaves him in danger of suffering brain aneurysms, early onset dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

In response to his efforts and complaints to receive the most basic care, he has been met with hostility and retaliation by the very prison health professionals who are responsible for his care and who've left him without treatment.

On July 18, 2025, Perry went to PCI's medical department with complaints of tingling on his left side and chest pain. A nurse, Alvarez, took his blood pressure (BP) which read 163/110, then 160/115 — dangerously high readings. Rather than render him medical aid, Alvarez attempted to conceal the reading from Perry and sent him back to his cell.



Kevin 'Rashid' Johnson

Prisoner solidarity in Houston

By Gloria Rubac
Houston

Houston activists, including the Indigenous dance group, Danza Azteca, came together on Sept. 13 to sign a birthday card for former political prisoner Leonard Peltier. Peltier turned 81 years old on Sept. 12, and after almost 50 years of wrongful incarceration in federal prisons, he celebrated from his home and not a prison cell.

Peltier was an activist with the American Indian Movement. On June 26, 1975, there was a shoot-out on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota when the FBI raided it. Peltier was convicted of murdering two FBI agents and was sentenced to two consecutive terms of life imprisonment.



Card-signing on Sept. 13, 2025.

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In February 2025, former President Joe Biden commuted Peltier's sentence and he was released from prison. He now lives at home in North Dakota on the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

Through persistence, Perry was able to gain the attention of nurse practitioner A. Enloe, PCI's chief medical provider. But instead of helping him, she had him put out of the medical department without treatment. These nurses were cruelly indifferent to the fact that Perry's high BP reading could have been symptomatic or indicative of cardiac arrest or a stroke.

To make matters worse, these nurses were/are the cause of his elevated BP in the first place. They not only refuse to regularly monitor his BP levels but further deny his physician-prescribed medications. They have also obstructed him for months from seeing his heart doctor, Dr. Murelli at MUSC [Medical University of South Carolina] Health.

Perry is but one example of multitudinous, crass medical indifference and mistreatment by South Carolina prison medical staff to the often life-threaten-

ing medical needs of prisoners, who have recourse to no other care. The situation escapes public scrutiny and accountability, because South Carolina prisoners are stripped of a public voice by their corrupt captors, who subject them to rules that forbid them from speaking to the media and punish those who try. In this way, these officials monopolize and create false public narratives that dehumanize and villainize the prisoners and conceal their mistreatment.

I am both witness to and victim of this abuse, having myself been denied dental care for some two months for a potentially deadly abscessed tooth.

South Carolina prisoners need both an outside voice and support.

Kevin "Rashid" Johnson is a prison journalist, jailhouse lawyer and revolutionary political educator incarcerated in 1990.

Mumia Abu-Jamal who is suffering from diabetic retinopathy, which can be treated with a series of injections. He recently had cataract surgery on one eye and is awaiting the same for the other eye. On brightly colored paper, heartfelt messages were written to both men and will be mailed out to them.

The gathering began with Rainflower and Conrado Acevedo with Danza Azteca giving a message to Peltier, tenderly addressing him as “abuelo,” meaning grandfather. They then sang “Happy Birthday” to Peltier in an Indigenous language. Others signing messages were with Palestine Solidarity Texas and the Texas Death Penalty Abolition Movement. Birthday cards were also signed for those on Texas death row who have September and October birthdays. □

Workers, farmers in France open ‘blockade’ struggle

By John Catalinotto

On Sept. 10, a half-million workers and farmers in France held blockades in the morning, mass union and student protests at noon and rallies in the afternoon, while facing 80,000 gendarmes (national police), who made 200 arrests by noon. The unifying slogan was “block everything.”

The goal of the protests, which took place in cities and towns across France, including Paris, Marseilles, Lyon, Toulouse, and Rennes, was to stop cuts to social programs planned by the government of President Emmanuel Macron. Another major day of national actions is planned for Sept. 18.

Popular demonstrations are nothing unusual for France – think of the struggles over the last eight years by the Yellow Vest protesters, and the numerous strikes held by organized labor attempting to stop the regime’s raising the retirement age.

What gives this autumn’s popular protests more weight, however, is the acute nature of the political crisis in the French regime. This is multiplied by the threat of the European Union to fight a war with Russia using NATO and the unstable rightist regime in Ukraine. Macron is completely identified with the war threats,

which endanger the living conditions and the very lives of European workers.

The French regime is particularly unstable. Macron is a professional banker whose every move has been directed against the workers and poor. His approval rating has dropped below 30% in most polls, with some less than 20%. His last cooperating prime minister, the equally unpopular François Bayrou, lost a vote of confidence on Sept. 8 and Macron has nominated a replacement.

Bayrou’s latest budget proposal included social cuts totaling 44 billion euros (about \$51 billion). Bayrou said that the entire population (except the capitalists) “will have to participate” in solving the debt crisis. He criticized the planned September demonstrations and advised that workers in France “work harder.” (management-rse.com, Sept. 1)

After improving during the period from 1968 to 1990, conditions for workers in France have deteriorated, especially in the last 15 years, throwing more workers and rural poor into serious poverty.

Impact throughout EU

The same challenge for workers in France exists throughout the European

Union. The regimes, reinforced by the EU bureaucracy, have doubled military budgets. They plan to cut social services and workers’ benefits to come closer to balancing those budgets. As in France, those pro-capitalist regimes have no plans to increase taxes paid by the rich.

It is telling that in Madrid, the Spanish capital, workers’ organizations held a demonstration that same Sept. 10 protesting the increased military budget and cuts in social services. The leaflet was entitled, “The French people are opening paths to struggle.”

Senior unionist’s analysis

Jean-Pierre Page, a former national leader of the major union federation, the General Confederation of Labor (CGT), was interviewed in the Communist Initiative news magazine before the Sept. 10 action. Here are some excerpts from his statement:

“The social movement that is being prepared for the 10th and 18th, and already preceding it at Radio France, EDF, and other companies, shows a very strong fighting spirit and undeniable potential for growth.

“What matters is to mobilize workers and reconcile their legitimate anger at the reac-



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‘Money to raise wages, not for war,’ Marseille, France, Sept. 10, 2025.

tionary Macron/Bayrou budget with the rejection of its root cause, namely predatory and militarized capitalism. Because that is the real issue at stake: defeating capitalism and bringing it to its knees.

“For CGT unionists, especially those who defend class positions and are at the forefront of this movement, this requires a great deal of initiative to seize opportunities for action wherever they arise. It also means knowing how to build alliances with all those who are determined to act.

“What lies ahead may be an unprecedented class confrontation, the political dimension of which cannot be ignored. We must therefore be ready to act.” (initiative-communiste.fr, Sept. 10) □

St. Louis Machinists reject Boeing’s third contact deal

By Jim McMahan

After almost six weeks on strike against Boeing, the 3,200 members of International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) Local 837 in St. Louis-area plants rejected the company’s latest contract offer, deepening the struggle. IAM officials said, “This democratic vote underscores the determination of approximately 3,200 IAM union members to continue their stand together until their voices are heard.” (cnbc.com, Sept. 12)

Striking workers said there wasn’t that much difference between the latest company offer and the two offers they rejected on the eve of the strike, which began on Aug. 4.

The hostile attitude of Boeing to the strikers stems in part from the company’s tight relationship with the Pentagon’s war economy – the St. Louis area plants produce bomber planes. Even before the workers’ contract rejection, company officials said Boeing was going to hire strike replacements to cross the picket lines. But the highly skilled workers have asked, “Who’s going to train them?”

Boeing brags it is offering the Machinists 40% to 50% wage increases, but workers near the top of the pay scale get only a 16% pay raise over five years in the latest offer. The contract contains



a very slow progression to top pay; the industry standard is five to seven years, but at Boeing’s St. Louis plants it would be 15 years. The Machinists are rejecting this attempt to divide the high-seniority workers from the younger and newer workers.

Other reasons for the workers’ contract rejection: no improvements to the company’s 401(k) retirement plan; a five-year contract instead of a four-year contract; and a \$4,000 bonus instead of \$5,000 which was originally proposed.

More and more, Boeing has been part of the Pentagon’s program of permanent warfare against oppressed workers in Gaza and across the globe. This hostility is being used against protesting workers at home.

The St. Louis Machinists struck Boeing for 99 days in 1996. They will need lots of solidarity to win against Boeing this time, too. □

Historic hotel workers strike

By Gloria Rubac Houston

Historians agree they cannot remember a strike by workers at a hotel in Texas. The one happening now at the downtown Hilton Americas-Houston is more than unusual as it could reshape history.

“This does set a precedent,” said Thomas Alter, professor of U.S. and Texas history at Texas State University. “It happens to be the hotel workers in Houston, but the eyes of Texas are upon them.” (Houston Chronicle, Sept. 7)

“Texas is not a state where the politics are friendly to workers, so it’s a rather bold move on the part of the workers at the Hilton,” Nancy Beck Young, a U.S. history professor and director of the Center for Public History at the University of Houston, told the Houston Chronicle.

The striking Hilton workers, represented by UNITE HERE Local 23, walked out on Labor Day, asking for higher wages and better working conditions. At 6 a.m., workers broke the morning quietness in the downtown area by beginning their picket line outside two hotel entrances, chanting, “Aquí estamos y no nos vamos.” (Here we are and we won’t leave.)

It was to have been a 10-day strike, but the workers voted to extend their strike to Sept. 20. UNITE HERE International President Gwen Mills called the Hilton strike “truly historic for the hospitality industry in Texas” and said other union locals are watching. The strikers “specifically inspire hotel workers in the South, in places where wages are low, benefits are hard to come by, and the laws haven’t been as favorable for people choosing to stand up.” □



WW PHOTO: GLORIA RUBAC

Houston, Sept. 6, 2025

No jobs to be found

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More workers are losing jobs because of Trump’s tariffs; there was a drop of 12,000 manufacturing jobs in August.

Trump’s policies only one factor driving economic crisis

There’s more involved in understanding the economic crisis facing workers and oppressed people. This economic downturn, as with every single economic downturn that preceded it, going back centuries, is inevitable under the capitalist mode of production.

As Karl Marx explained in the 19th century, crises of overproduction are driven by the fundamental contradiction of capitalism: Production is social, but ownership of the means of production is private. Individual capitalists are in competition with one another to decrease the cost of production by driving down the cost of labor power by cutting wages and shrinking the workforce.

This leads to periodic cycles of boom and bust, a bust occurring when the capitalist class cannot sell the goods that the working class produces. So workers get the axe. Then, when millions of people

are unemployed, they form a “reserve army of labor.”

The supply of labor power is greater than the demand for it. When workers are desperate for work, the bosses take advantage of the situation. They drive down the price of labor power – wages – impoverishing employed workers and increasing the ranks of the “working poor.”

In 2023, there were officially 36.8 million people living in poverty. (Census.gov, Sept. 10, 2024) A disproportionate number were people of color and women.

What’s different now is that, beyond the classic ups and downs in the economy,

capitalism is now in its late or end stage, sometimes called “capitalism at a dead end.”

So there are policy-related layoffs, on top of a cyclical crisis, on top of a basic failure to meet human needs under end-stage capitalism.

Capitalism has nothing to offer the working class but more unemployment, a rising cost of living and falling wages.

The historic task of the workers is the same as it was in Marx’s day: Overthrow the capitalist system of exploitation. Replace it with socialism, a system that puts human needs first. □

Reform vs. revolution: The Zohran Mamdani campaign

By Emmy
New York City

New York State Assembly member Zohran Mamdani is presumed to secure the New York City mayoral seat this November as the Democratic Party's lead nominee. But what will this mean for aspiring revolutionaries organizing in the belly of the beast?

As Marxists, we must utilize the observations we've made from the media, the streets and most significantly, from within our communities to strategize for our actions. We must apply what we know about democracy, or lack thereof, under the two-party electoral system to guide us.

Simply put, we cannot afford to act dogmatically and ignore the surge in support his campaign has garnered from the working class or even the leftist policies he proposes. However, we must stress the contradictions that arise while upholding the mayoral seat in the imperial core.

We must highlight that under capitalism, reform is nothing more than a Band-Aid on an acute wound. We must act in a principled way to evaluate the position his followers occupy in relation to a socialist revolution. Within this analysis, Marxists can delineate a strategy to organize the class consciousness raised following his campaign, while not neglecting contradictions that are rooted within the preservation of the facade of democracy in the United States.

In the June 2025 New York City Democratic mayoral primary, 33-year-old Mamdani obtained 56% of the city's ballots after ranked-choice voting, amassing over 100,000 more votes than his party



Bernie Sanders and Zohran Mamdani, Sept. 6, 2025, in New York City

rival, former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. His win was a shock to Wall Street, Washington, the Zionist entity and other imperial regimes.

The chain of reactions perpetrated by the bourgeoisie and corporate media to sabotage Mamdani's success holds significance. The communist light at the end of the tunnel brings the ruling class to their knees, even if it isn't channeled by a socialist. How does this guide us? It exhibits that we must organize more militantly than ever before towards the abolition of the oppressive capitalist system.

Instead, Mamdani vows to introduce legislation to make New York City "more affordable." To achieve this, he outlines his long-winded plan to freeze rent, build "more affordable" housing, create city-owned grocery stores, make fast and free public transportation, etc. This is the outstanding contradiction Marxists must identify. The violence our communities have faced over the past decade

from nefarious landlords, state-sanctioned violence including police brutality, COVID-19, racism and Zionism is far beyond amending with any legislation.

The only solution is a socialist revolution. However, it seems most of his followers have failed to comprehend this imminent contradiction, allowing his campaign to thrive as a result of these empty promises. Who would have thought that if you hastily promise to allocate to workers the basic means of survival under late-stage capitalism, they will frantically follow you?

Exposing the contradictions

Mamdani also identifies within leftist spaces, which has given his followers, including those pushing towards a socialist uprising, a glimpse of hope. Minor contradictions can be identified as such. Since 2023, he has been a member of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) organization. The NYC branch of DSA has over 10,000 members, making it the largest of any leftist organization in the city. Although DSA aligns with socialist principles, it has also served as a direct pipeline for the faces of Democratic Party politicians: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib, Bernie Sanders, etc.

He has also been a longtime organizer in the Palestine liberation movement in the West. This space allowed him to draw support from prominent organizations after the Gaza solidarity college encampments were erected across the state. Despite this, he has maintained that the Zionist entity has a right to exist.

He has sustained the idea of a rise in antisemitism, which we know to

be an attack on anti-Zionist behavior. Regardless of these implications, this language is antithetical to Al Thawabet (Palestinian principles for liberation), which has structured global resistance for all, especially Westerners, to adopt. Although these aren't the primary contradictions of Mamdani, they are the result of the space he occupies as a politician.

Where we go from here

The most important action Marxists can take is organizing his followers, especially those in favor of a socialist revolution, once they are ultimately dissatisfied with his limitations to alleviate capitalism's grasp of their material conditions. Not only did he receive over half a million votes in the primaries, but moreover he has amassed over 50,000 individual volunteers who have spread his campaign into every nook and cranny of the city.

These individuals now possess unique tools, such as speaking to their communities about class injustice, organizing labor unions, rallying the masses, etc. The remaining conflict is that they still rely on electoralism under capitalism for liberation.

However, the more that time passes, the more that contradictions will be unveiled. This will bring about questions regarding something greater, especially from his younger supporters. This is where the movement must pick up the slack. We must be able to answer those who are eager for rebellion but don't know where to go. To do this, we must look no further than to what radicalized us to help guide their consciousness. □



IOF out of Gaza, ICE out of Philly! Hands off Venezuela!

Over 100 students and community activists marched from Temple University to the headquarters of war profiteer Day & Zimmermann in Philadelphia on Sep. 6.

Organized by Students for Justice in Palestine Philadelphia Coalition, the march stopped at various locations on Broad Street. Demonstrators explained

to pedestrians and motorists they were blocking streets to say no business as usual while the U.S. conducts genocide in Gaza and ICE carries out kidnappings in Philadelphia. Many people responded with honking and raised fists or extended arms to take fliers.

– Report and photo by Joe Piette

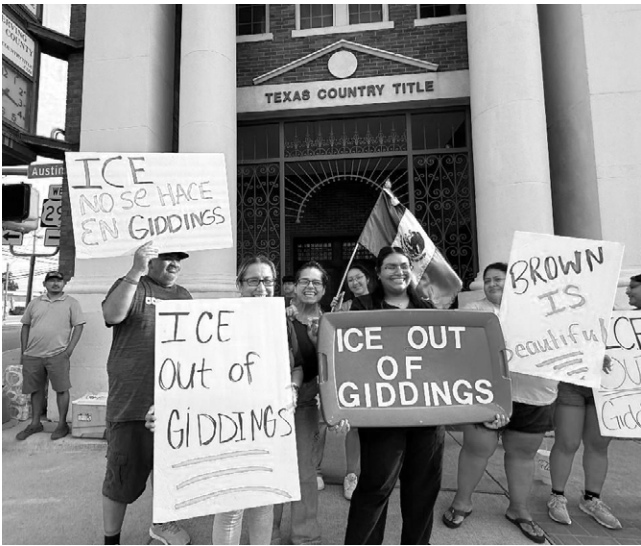
'ICE out of Giddings, Texas!'

While driving through the small town of Giddings, Texas this writer came across an unexpected protest. Young people in Giddings were furious after two of their friends, while eating hamburgers, were approached by ICE agents who demanded to see documents. Since these young people had lived in Giddings, a small town of 5,000 people their whole lives, they were stunned by this incident!

So, about a dozen youth of color decided to protest this harassment on Aug. 19. They made anti-ICE signs and stood on a busy street, which is Highway 290, a main highway between Houston and Austin. This action generated a lot of visible support

from drivers who saw their signs. Their spokesperson told Workers World that they had never organized a protest or made signs, but President Trump and ICE had just gone too far.

– Report and photo by Gloria Rubac



Epstein survivors: 'This is not a hoax'

By Martha Grevatt

Survivors of sexual crimes committed by Jeffrey Epstein held a news conference on Sept. 3 outside the Capitol in Washington, D.C. They were demanding Congress pass a bill to force the Trump administration to release all of its investigative material on Epstein and that every person who received sexual favors through the predatory financier be identified and held accountable.

Congress has not voted on the bill. On Sept. 10, the Senate voted

to table an amendment that would force all the material on Epstein to be made public.

Protesters condemned Trump's statement that "This is a Democrat hoax that never ends." Abuse survivor Marina Lacerda was one of several who adamantly said, "This is not a hoax!" (abcnews.go.com, Sept. 3)

More damning evidence exposing the role of Epstein's allies in business and political circles emerges every day. Nine attorneys representing 50 victims of Epstein's abuse stated that they have yet to

be contacted by the Department of Justice or members of Congress to interview their clients.

The Sept. 8 New York Times reported: "At Epstein's behest, JPMorgan set up accounts — into which he routinely transferred huge sums — for young women who turned out to be victims of his sex-trafficking operations."

Wealthy predators can count on both the capitalist state and finance capital to look out for them, even when they abuse women and girls in the most vile fashion. □



Survivors of sexual abuse by Jeffrey Epstein hold a news conference, Washington, D.C., Sept. 3, 2025.

Oct. 7: The launch of the new Palestinian revolution

The article below is from the *Masar Badil, the Palestinian Alternative Revolutionary Path Movement*, posted Nov 8, 2023 at workers.org/2023/12/75532/.

“For the past month, the world has been witnessing the true criminal and vicious nature of the Zionist regime: war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide perpetrated by a brutal, monstrous regime that Western imperialism has established in our homeland,” said Khaled Barakat, Palestinian writer and member of the Executive Committee of the Masar Badil, the Palestinian Alternative Revolutionary Path Movement, in a series of interviews on Al-Mayadeen, Palestine Today, Al-Manar and the Masar website.

“For the past 75 years, these imperialist powers have established a colonial project in our homeland, and the Palestinian people have been confronting this genocidal regime. What is happening in Gaza today is not taking place for the first time. It has happened many times in our history.

“Palestinians will never forget the hundreds of towns and villages that were burned down, destroyed and erased in 1947 and 1948. Palestinians also will never forget the many massacres carried out by the Zionists against them, from Deir Yassin to Kufr Qasem to Sabra and Shatila to the many massacres in Gaza in the 1950s, the 1960s and throughout the history of Zionism, up until the present day,” Barakat said.

October 7: ‘The launch of the new Palestinian revolution’

“October 7 was not only a brave and heroic operation, a massive offensive undertaken by the Palestinian resistance, but it will always be remembered as the day of the launch of the new Palestinian revolution, the day when Palestinians revived their revolution, 30 years after the futile path of Oslo and the so-called ‘peace process’.”

Barakat urged the Palestinian revolutionary youth to carry on the banner and the flame of revolution: “From generation after generation, Palestinians will fight until Israel is defeated. ‘Israel’ has no right to exist in our homeland. In the end, it will pass through in our history just like every colonizer and invader that came to our land for thousands and thousands of years.”

“This well-funded, trained Zionist army, equipped with the latest in military technology from the United States and every imperialist power, is now being confronted and defeated on the ground by the Palestinian resistance. There is nothing brave about bombing children and families from 10,000 feet in the sky, sitting in a U.S.-made and -funded war machine and pushing a button to kill.

“The real bravery is seen in the fighters who are resisting today, carrying on the path of October 7, and who continue to emerge from the rubble, confronting their tanks, burning them and destroying them at point-blank range,” Barakat said.

“The ‘Israeli’ command must read ‘The Art of War’ by Sun Tzu. You can have a very strong army with hundreds of thousands of soldiers. But when you have an arrogant, ignorant leadership, when you have a commander that is working for his own personal interests and the preservation of his political career through Palestinian blood, your defeat is imminent. A small, brave, organized fighting force can defeat a well-equipped, large army. This is a lesson of history, what we have learned and what humanity has learned, from Algeria to Vietnam and today in Palestine.”

‘Israel is doomed to be defeated’

Barakat said that “Israel” is doomed to be defeated in what he called the Palestinian October battle. “Every day we see from the resistance that they have a very high morale, despite their grief and outrage at the genocidal assault on the Palestinian civilian population. The resistance is unified, completely — Islamic, nationalist and leftist forces, fighting together, on one path, one united front.

“Palestinians fight together, because they know what ‘Israel’ wants is to erase them. This is a battle of existence for us and for the resistance. And, therefore, our people have no choice but resistance, no choice but steadfastness and no choice but unity.”



Khaled Barakat

reality of its nuclear program, developed and protected by and with Western imperialist powers.

“The Zionist commanders and ministers who told him not to repeat his statements did not do so because they are opposed to nuclear warfare against the Palestinian people, but because they are achieving the same effect by throwing tons and tons and tons of bombs and explosives on Palestinian homes, schools, universities and hospitals in Gaza.”

Palestinian resistance blocks the road of normalization

“Yes, the Palestinian resistance has blocked the path of normalization and defeat in the region,” he said. “This was an intentional action to block ‘Israeli’ advancement in the region. The Palestinian resistance is going to emerge from this battle strengthened.

“From every battle in which the resistance has been engaged, in 2008, 2014, 2021 and beyond, the resistance has accumulated greater experience and capabilities. They draw lessons, improve their strategies and coordinate better, and with this experience, they had two major achievements: one, implementing a strategy to defend Gaza, developed for the past eight years and not the past weeks or even the past two years, developed after the 2014 aggression; and two, the central leadership command on the ground and the relationship between the popular cradle and the resistance.



Seattle, Washington, May 11, 2024.

PHOTO: ALEX GARLAND

“The relationship between the people and the armed resistance can be described as the relationship between blood and flesh. They cannot be separated in the body. The people know that their great sacrifices will not go in vain.”

“It is clear to everyone that the United States is leading this war, and the Zionists are just a tool — criminals, gangsters and hired mercenaries. Zionists are mercenaries of imperialists. The Zionists have repeatedly declared that their ‘culture and values’ and ‘friends and allies’ are in the West.

“Palestinians, however, belong to Palestine, their homeland, their ancestral and native land. It is clear that the imperialist powers did not envision granting their own land to the Zionist project that they claim to love so much, but instead implanted it in our region and against our people.”

Palestinians in exile and in the diaspora regain their role

Barakat predicted that Palestinians in exile and in the diaspora have also begun to regain their involvement in all forms of struggle, including armed struggle, particularly in Lebanon: “This has already been apparent, and we can expect a rise in the armed struggle in the Golan Heights, potentially in Jordan and elsewhere in the region. This reflects the restoration of the struggle in the Arab region to its compass, to the primary contradiction, with the Zionist regime and with imperialism.

“For the past 12 years, Arabs in Syria, Libya, Yemen

and Egypt have been directed to kill other Arabs, directly fueled, funded and overseen by the United States, the CIA, European powers and their reactionary regime puppets in the region.

“Today our Arab youth are turning to the primary contradiction, and we believe that Arab youth across the Arab homeland will join the Palestinian struggle and the Palestinian resistance. Those who can organize, those who can write, those who paint and compose: every skill needs to be mustered in this battle to stop the aggression and to emerge victorious.

“We see Zionists in North America and Europe inciting against the Palestinian people and supporters of Palestine, promoting hatred and racism. They believe that the relationship with Western imperialism is going to save them and create a victory for them. They look back at the founding of ‘Israel,’ at the Balfour Declaration.

“They look at their support from the U.S., their support from France, especially the building of their nuclear facilities. And when we express our anger at the atrocities of the Zionist regime, they know that the French police and the German police and the U.S. police are going to be tools of oppression to serve the interests of imperialism and of the Zionist project,” he said.

Zionist war criminals will be prosecuted in the courts of a liberated Palestine

Barakat called on the movement to “emphasize the calls to end the genocide, stop war crimes, stop imperialist participation, free all Palestinian prisoners, and to free Palestine, to liberate Palestine from the river to the sea,” saying, “It is not enough to call for a cease-fire. We must be clear that we are calling on the U.S. and ‘Israel’ to cease their fire. We want the liberation of Palestine.”

He noted the role of some Jewish anti-Zionist organizations and individuals that are joining the mobilizations for Palestinian liberation, emphasizing the importance of taking a clear position against Zionism: “To not condemn Zionism by this point is an act of cowardice and opportunism. The same applies to those Palestinian liberal voices and so-called Muslim and Christian voices that refuse to be clear on Palestine.

“We know that our allies are all of those who confront imperialism: the Black Liberation Movements, the Filipino movement, the liberation movements and workers’ movements all over the world. We salute all of those who are fighting together against all forms of repression against the illusions promoted by the capitalist media.”

Barakat concluded: “We need a popular tribunal for war criminals. We do not trust the ICC [International Criminal Court], although we will be happy to see them arrest the Zionist war criminals and hold them accountable. But we know that these systems were made to arrest Africans and not Tony Blair, George Bush and their Zionist cronies. Zionist war criminals and those who support them will one day soon be prosecuted in front of the world, in the courts of a liberated Palestine.

“Today the rise of resistance in the region means that Arabs are on the forefront of fighting imperialism, Zionism and reactionary regimes. Arabs should be proud to be in the forefront, fighting with words and bullets for liberation.” □

Global universities sever

The following article first appeared on the *Islamic Republic News Agency website (en.irna.ir/news)* based in Tehran, Iran, on Sept. 13, 2025.

concerns within the global academic community about the ties between Israeli universities, the military and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's policies.

In 2023, the Federal University of Ceará in Brazil cancelled a planned innovation summit with an Israeli university. This was followed by similar actions from a host of institutions across Norway, Belgium and Spain. The trend has continued into this year, with others, including Ireland's Trinity College

A growing number of universities and academic bodies worldwide are cutting formal links with Israeli institutions over concerns about their complicity in the Israeli military crimes in Gaza.

The movement, which has gained momentum over the past year, reflects deepening

The Sumud Flotilla continues to Gaza

By Sue Harris

Hundreds of volunteers assembled at Sidi Bou Said, Tunisia, on Sept. 10, preparing to set sail with the Sumud Flotilla. Sumud means ‘steadfast’ in Arabic. Boats had arrived from Spain on Sept. 7, with more vessels joining from Tunisia.

According to organisers, the plan is for a first wave of vessels — the ones in the best condition — to set sail together to a point in the Mediterranean Sea, where they will rendezvous with other boats departing from ports in Italy and Greece.

Meanwhile, several vessels are still expected to arrive in Tunisia from the first leg of the flotilla, which departed from Barcelona last week. Once repaired and stocked, these ships will form a second



Crowd in port city of Syros, Greece, waving Palestinian flags to activists on two boats joining Sumud Flotilla.

wave, departing after the first, meeting up with the rest of the flotilla, and setting course towards the Palestinian shores of the Gaza Strip. (Al Jazeera, Sept. 10)

With more people volunteering than there are spaces available, there are still people wanting to join the flotilla who are waiting to be assigned a boat. The volunteers’ ages range between 24 and 73. They

represent around 14 nationalities.

They include celebrities like Susan Sarandon, Liam Cunningham and Greta Thunberg, Palestinian exiles like Jaldia Abubakra, displaced from Gaza and orphaned at 9, active in the Palestinian movement (Publica, Sept. 14), and Omar, a 73-year-old Palestinian whose family was displaced during the Nakba (Al Jazeera, Sept. 7). They volunteered, knowing that the Israelis have labelled them as ‘terrorists’ and threatened them and their families with reprisals.

Jaldia said calmly, “The objective we are going for is much greater than whatever may happen to us.” She called the flotilla “an act of practical solidarity with Palestine.” (Publica, Sept. 14)

The volunteers also include a group of journalists from different countries, who are chronicling what transpires. They are well aware of Israel’s history of murdering journalists, but they persevere. As to

the drone attacks that have already been made against the Sumud Flotilla on at least two of the over 44 boats.

Tadhg Hickey, an Irish comedian, writer and filmmaker who has been on board the Alma, told Al Jazeera that attacks by Israeli drones on two ships docked in Tunisian waters were “mere distractions.

Hickey said, “As a team, we remain relaxed and focused on putting our comprehensive training into action, and first and foremost our primary goal of breaking the immoral, illegal siege of Gaza.”

The flotilla’s steering committee has insisted that the vessels will continue on their way to Gaza despite the attacks. Saif Abukeshek, a steering committee member said: “Israel continues to breach international law and terrorize us. We will sail to break the blockade on Gaza no matter what they do.” (Al Jazeera, Sept. 11).

So the flotilla remains ‘Sumud.’ □

General strike against genocide ‘We don’t work for war’

The World Federation of Trade Unions issued the following statement on Sept. 12, 2025

In Gaza and throughout Palestine, Israel is committing horrific crimes, including the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people, more than [20,000] children [the lowest estimate], hundreds of doctors and health care workers buried under the rubble of bombed hospitals and more than 200 journalists.

Countless [United Nations] resolutions have been violated, and thousands of women and elderly people have been killed while queuing for a bowl of rice.

Nevertheless, many European Union governments, including [Italy’s Prime Minister Giorgia] Meloni’s, continue to maintain institutional, commercial and military relations with the Israeli state. Italy continues to be at the forefront of arms sales to the Israeli army.

A major humanitarian initiative organised entirely from the ground up is seeking to deliver aid to the people of Gaza. However, the Israeli government has announced that it will treat the crews of the Global Sumud Flotilla as terrorists.

Workers at the Genoa port have launched an appeal spreading around the world: If the flotilla is attacked, they will block everything.



Workers in Genoa, Italy, march in advance of the launch of the Global Sumud Flotilla.

PHOTO: IRNA

The USB [Unione Sindicale di Base — Basic Trade Union] has called for a general strike on 22 September.

However, the strike is not only in opposition to the genocide of the Palestinian people but also to defend a humanitarian operation and break the siege of Gaza. It is also against war and the huge increase in military spending.

The Meloni government is doing nothing to stop Israel yet is dramatically increasing spending on building and purchasing new weapons. There is no money for increasing wages, combating precariousness, creating an efficient health care system, increasing minimum pensions or reducing the number of years of work required to reach retirement. However, tens of billions [of euros] are being allocated to arms factories.

If they attack the flotilla, we will block everything! □

Health care workers rally against genocide in Gaza

By Will Hodgkinson Boston

Boston health care workers and their allies rallied Sept. 14 in Copley Square to demand an end to U.S. support for the ongoing Zionist holocaust in Gaza. Called “The People’s Prescription,” the powerful action was organized by Doctors Against Genocide, the Committee of Interns and Residents of the Service Employees Union (SEIU), Alliance for Water Justice for Palestine, Jewish Voice for Peace and several local Palestine solidarity organizations.

Many of the activists, including speakers at the rally, are on a hunger strike in solidarity with the Palestinians suffering from a famine, engineered by the Zionist state and its accomplices, including the U.S.-based “Gaza Humanitarian Foundation.” As speakers noted, over 400 people have already starved to death in Gaza, with many thousands more at imminent risk of death. (Al Jazeera, Sept. 14)

Over the past two years, Israel Occupation Forces have killed over 1,400 health care workers. Throughout the program, speakers read out the names of health care workers who have been murdered, kidnapped or disappeared by Zionist forces. On the front steps of the Boston Public Library, activists laid candles and flowers on pictures of some of these martyrs to honor their memory.

Yet, as one Palestinian physician emphasized, even as the Zionist state

and the U.S empire that enables it intensify their genocidal violence, they betray their weakness — and reveal the power of the global movement united in solidarity for the liberation of Palestine.

“Many empires came before and many empires have fallen before,” he said. “This one will be no different. Zionism will fall, and Palestine will live forever!”

Dr. Yipeng Ge, who recently volunteered in hospitals under Israeli fire, called attention to the unimaginable courage and perseverance shown by medical workers in Gaza. The genocide in Palestine, he stressed, is not just a humanitarian crisis but a liberation struggle that calls for worldwide solidarity.

He declared: “The moral imperative for us in the belly of the beast, where settler colonialism was first practiced, is to do everything we can in solidarity, in full, unwavering solidarity with the Palestinian people for their right to exist, their right to self-determination, their right to full liberation! Liberation is the best medicine!”

After the speakers’ program, Dr. Lara Jirmanus and her children led the crowd in singing “Sheel Sheel Ya Ajmal Sheel,” a folk song composed by the mothers of Palestinian prisoners.

To close the action, participants linked hands in a Dabke circle dance in a show of Palestinian resilience and sound that filled the cavernous downtown square with optimism that the global struggle to free Palestine can not be defeated. □

er ties with Israel over Gaza



Universities from Europe to South America are boycotting Israeli institutions.

PHOTO: IRNA

Dublin, following suit.

Most recently, the University of Amsterdam terminated a student exchange program with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Separately, the European Association of Social Anthropologists declared it would cease all collaboration with Israeli academic institutions and urged its members

to do the same.

The Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel stated that Israeli academic institutions are complicit in “Israel’s decades-long regime of military occupation, settler-colonial apartheid and now genocide.”

“There is a moral and legal obligation for universities to end ties with complicit Israeli universities,” said Stephanie Adam, a representative for the campaign. □



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Dr. Yipeng Ge speaking on Boston Public Library steps, Sept. 14, 2025.

Widening war in West Asia

U.S. stands by as Israel bombs Qatar

By Sara Flounders

Israeli warplanes bombed Doha, Qatar's capital, Sept. 9, targeting but failing to assassinate Hamas's leading negotiators at U.S.-arranged talks with Israel. Hamas confirmed that five members were killed, including the son of exiled Hamas leader Khalil al-Hayya.

The bombing is a public humiliation, removing any pretense of Gulf State sovereignty. Following international condemnation, including denunciations in the United Nations Security Council and President Trump's worthless promise that the attack will not happen again, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned that Israel was prepared to again strike Hamas in Qatar. (CBS News, Sept. 12)

The attack and the apparent U.S. approval signals a new level of U.S.-Israeli desperation with their ongoing attempt to reshape all of West Asia, North Africa and the Gulf Region. The bombing removed the fig leaf of national sovereignty for the Emirates.

Israel's bombing – no surprise

The U.S. Central Command headquarters houses 10,000 U.S. military personnel at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, the largest U.S. airbase in West Asia.

Qatar has paid billions of dollars toward the construction, expansion and upkeep of the U.S. base.

How could Israel possibly evade U.S. satellite surveillance and supposedly evade all intelligence interception and strike a building in a high-security neighborhood, which is only 20 miles from the Al Udeid Air Base?

The Israeli warplanes flew more than 1,000 miles over multiple Arab countries, most containing at least one of the 19 U.S. military bases in the region. U.S. bases track incoming aircraft. They detect missiles' heat signatures.

The attack involved 15 Israeli jets, launched long-range precision missiles and required in-flight refueling to drop over 10 explosive munitions on their target in the West Bay Lagoon area under especially high security. It is close to



Aircraft carrier at Al Udeid Air Base, the largest in West Asia in Qatar.

Doha's central business district and home to many foreign embassies and wealthy residences.

The Gulf states' advanced radar systems are under U.S. operational "cooperation." This includes Qatar's U.S.-supplied Patriot batteries, which made no response to the Israeli attack. This U.S.-supplied security umbrella did nothing to stop the attack, which the U.S. contacted Qatari officials about "10 minutes after the attack." (BBC, Sept. 10)

Qatar bought protection, got stiffed

Qatar, an emirate on the west coast of the Persian Gulf, has paid billions of dollars in protection money to the U.S. for generations to maintain its family rule. Trump demanded and got far more.

According to a White House Fact Sheet on May 14, 2025, based on a state visit, Trump secured a commitment from oil-rich Qatar for \$1.2 trillion in economic exchange.

This package secured for Boeing its largest-ever order of \$96 billion for 210 aircraft. There were multibillion dollar deals for GE Aerospace engines and for McDermott International in energy. Parsons Corporation, a technology infrastructure firm, was promised 30 projects worth \$97 billion. Quantinuum

Corporation, Raytheon RTX, General Atomics, ExxonMobil and Chevron Phillips Chemical all benefited.

Qatar also pledged significant investments in the United States. Qatar topped it off by donating a luxury Boeing 747 aircraft, described as "a palace in the sky," for Trump to use as Air Force One.

On the same trip to the region, Trump secured a \$600 billion investment commitment from the absolute monarchy in Saudi Arabia.

Qatar – 'a special place'

In return for the Qatar deal, Trump pledged: "We are going to protect this country. ... It's a very special place, with a special royal family."

Trump quickly abandoned protection of Qatar. But it is worth examining what makes the emirate special.

Qatar is an absolute monarchy with a population of 3.1 million people. Some 89% of people living there are guest or migrant workers, not citizens. These workers have no rights. The tiny number of Qatari "citizens" have the greatest gross domestic product per capita in the region and one of the highest in the world.

The British Empire ruled Qatar from 1867 until 1971 through the local emir, with the Al Thani family as their surrogate. The

1892 census counted only 9,830 Qataris. Then oil was discovered in the 1930s and in 1971 the world's largest gas reservoir.

The current emir is Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, who holds almost unchecked executive and legislative power. The emir appoints the prime minister, cabinet members and advisers. Political parties and trade unions are banned.

Arab Islamic summit in Qatar

Qatar is hosting a summit of Arab and Muslim leaders to seek a collective response to Israel's attack on Hamas officials in Doha. Each of the Gulf States monarchies immediately pledged to "stand with Qatar without limit."

The 57-member Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the 22-member Arab League will attend the summit, including top government leaders from Iran, Pakistan, Malaysia and Iraq.

New threats to Türkiye

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will also be in Doha.

Following the Sept. 9 failed Israeli strike on Resistance leadership, Israel openly threatened to next bomb Türkiye to strike Hamas offices. Relations were already broken.

Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan announced Aug. 29 that Türkiye was closing its airspace entirely to Israeli planes and severing all commercial and economic ties with Israel.

Türkiye is a NATO member and hosts at least four major U.S. bases and numerous other facilities.

Turkish Defense Ministry spokesperson Rear Adm. Zeki Akturk warned in Ankara on Sept. 11 that Israel would "further expand its reckless attacks, as it did in Qatar, and drag the entire region, including its own country, into disaster." (ynetnews.com, Sept. 14)

The U.S. and Israel have cast aside all past diplomatic conduct, international laws, security agreements and any respect for national sovereignty. Palestinian resistance continues despite a depraved level of destruction, and a world movement is gaining determined momentum. □

Hamas demands unity to end Israeli lawlessness



The following statement was published by Resistance News Network on Sept. 14, 2025.

Hamas sends urgent memorandum to Arab and Muslim foreign ministers and international organizations regarding the assassination attempt on its negotiating delegation and the violation of Qatar's sovereignty, undermining efforts to halt the genocide.

The Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas has addressed an urgent memorandum to the foreign ministers of Arab and Muslim countries, influential states worldwide, as well as to the Secretaries-General of the Arab League, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the African Union Commission, and the United Nations. The memorandum detailed the treacherous Zionist attempt to assassinate the negotiating delegation in the Qatari capital, Doha, holding the occupation government, led by war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu, fully

responsible for this crime and for obstructing efforts to achieve a ceasefire and prisoner exchange.

The memorandum, issued by Brother Mujahid Mohammed Darwish, head of the Leadership Council, revealed that the assassination attempt came just one day after a leadership delegation from the movement, including members of the negotiating team, met with the Qatari Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, during which the delegation received a new proposal for a ceasefire. The negotiating delegation was convened to discuss and respond to this proposal when it came under attack.

It explained that on the evening of Sept. 9, 2025, occupation aircraft targeted the home of the head of the negotiating delegation, Dr. Khalil Al-Hayya, with several missiles, leading to the martyrdom of his son Hammam, his office director Jihad Lubad, and three aides, in addition to a member of the Qatari security detail, while injuring several members of his family.

All members of the negotiating delegation survived. The movement considered this treacherous assault a grave violation of the sovereignty of the State of Qatar,

the mediator in the negotiations.

The memorandum affirmed that Hamas has shown the utmost flexibility to halt the genocide against our people, yet the occupation government has consistently sabotaged every agreement through assassinations, added conditions, and massacres, using negotiations merely as a cover for more time and more crimes. It recalled that the enemy reneged on the Jan. 17, 2025 agreement, resuming aggression with massacres, displacement, and starvation, despite the movement's full compliance with its terms.

It also pointed out that [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu's fascist government is pursuing its project of extermination and displacement of our people from Gaza to the very end, and had previously dared to assassinate the movement's leader, martyr Ismail Haniyeh, in Tehran, even though Hamas had at that time accepted a mediation initiative.

The movement stressed that it is a democratically elected national liberation movement striving to secure the Palestinian people's rights to freedom and independence, and that its leaders cannot be deemed military targets to justify

the occupation's crimes. It warned that the extremist right-wing "israeli" government, driven by messianic visions, is opening a dangerous door to extremism and terrorism in the region and the world.

At the conclusion of its memorandum, Hamas called on the international community and Arab and Muslim states to:

1. Press to halt the aggression and genocide in Gaza, the West Bank, and Al-Quds [Jerusalem].
2. End the "israeli" lawlessness that tramples international law.
3. Compel the occupation to respect international law and respond to the legitimate rights of our people.
4. Boycott and politically and economically isolate "israel."
5. Prosecute occupation leaders in international courts for genocide and violations of state sovereignty.

The memorandum reaffirmed that the struggle of the Palestinian people and their resistance seeks to liberate the land, establish an independent state with Al-Quds as its capital, and guarantee the right of return for refugees. □

A fundamental difference

China – imperialist or socialist?

By Sara Flounders

This article will appear as a chapter in an upcoming anthology titled “China Changes Everything.” This book is scheduled for publication in Autumn 2025 by World View Forum. Some of the book’s formatting style has been retained in this article. Read the entire article at workers.org/2025/09/87812.

China’s emergence as an economic powerhouse is a game-changer on a world scale today, with its Belt and Road Initiative, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the BRICS+ trade alliance and numerous bilateral trade agreements. China is the top trading partner of over 120 countries and has become an alternative to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank and their brutal structural adjustment, deregulation and privatization programs (SAPs). Every international gathering, trade agreement and aid shipment confirms that China is a lifeline for the Global South.

China was able to end poverty for 800 million people — something neither the U.S. nor any other capitalist country has been able to do. Life expectancy is on par with the U.S., and China has achieved the fastest growth in living standards of any country in the world.

In the 1950s, when Japan and much of Europe were in ruins, the United States led the world by almost any economic measure. It manufactured half the world’s goods, possessed over 40% of the world’s income and had by far the highest standard of living. For more than 60 years, the U.S.-based monopolies maintained their domination, but in the decades since the 2008 crisis, China has overtaken the U.S. in total production and especially in manufactured goods.

How is This Possible?

The corporate media presents the competition between the U.S. and China as a contention between two nation states and falsely accuses the Chinese government of not playing fair. In reality, China’s advantage arises from the sharp difference in two wholly different forms of organizing society.

In the United States, nearly all resources are privately owned by a handful of billionaires. Even public forests, waters and raw minerals are ripe for exploitation for private profit. In China, the overwhelming bulk of resources — oil, gas, coal, gold, gems, rare earth minerals and water — are socially owned and used for the development of the whole society.

We will show some of the ways this difference in ownership impacts further modernization and the ability to adapt to new technology in the two societies. We will also discuss how the U.S. ruling class is reacting to challenges it faces from China and from the crisis in its own capitalist system.

Right now, the U.S. politicians and media are waging an ideological assault on China. Refuting their lies and propaganda is helpful, but the fundamental reason behind their hostility must also be exposed. This reason lies in the class and property differences between People’s China and U.S. imperialism.

Cooperation in a Global Market

Ruthless competition for profit, the fundamental feature of capitalism, disrupts cooperative work that is needed to solve the enormous environmental and social problems that confront the whole planet. In fact, a higher stage of industrial and technical development in a more complex society actually requires a higher stage of

social organization. Since it employs little to no planning, capitalism can’t solve the overarching problems humanity faces on a global scale.

It is beyond dispute that U.S. living standards and quality of life, measured in health care, education, housing and infrastructure are in sharp decline.

High-Tech Infrastructure

Higher levels of production need a high-tech infrastructure to move what is produced to global markets. China dominates the global commercial shipbuilding market, producing over 50% of the world’s new ship orders, while the U.S. share has dwindled to less than 1%. China’s shipbuilding industry is backed by a vast industrial base with government support, allowing it to compete on a larger scale than the U.S.

China’s workers have laid down tens of thousands of miles of high-speed rail

include Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea and the Philippines and is directed against China.

Every arm of the imperialist colossus is predicting and planning for war. The vicious and relentless propaganda, the expanding military budget, the relentless war “games” and military maneuvers all confirm the build-up. Think tanks and strategists promote the idea that war with China is inevitable.

Sharp Economic Differences between U.S. and China

Voices in all imperialist centers are united in slandering China, calling it an imperialist country, no different than past or present imperialist looters. Constant repetition of their propaganda attacks can make the slanders stick, even in the ranks of anti-imperialists. That’s why it’s important to underline the class differences between



Primary school students in China read the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China, Dongying, Shandong Province, Dec. 3, 2019. China’s free higher education starts with an emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education, with some 3.5 million STEM graduates each year, about 10 times as many as those from U.S. educational institutions.

that connect 500 Chinese cities and are still expanding to connect to neighboring countries. Meanwhile in the U.S., both freight and passenger railroads are in decline. China has gone green, rapidly adopting solar power and has put half a million electric city buses on its streets. Most U.S. city buses are still belching out pollution from burning fossil fuels.

A significant portion of China’s free higher education starts with an emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education, graduating some 3.5 million STEM graduates each year. This is approximately 10 times as many as those from U.S. educational institutions. High levels of skill and advanced education are essential for intervention in today’s world.

The internet is widely available even in rural China due to government initiatives like the National Broadband Strategy. This level of internet penetration, a massive increase over the past, enables economic development and improves quality of life for rural residents.

The U.S. is Desperate to Preserve Its Hegemony

The capitalist class in the U.S. has grown frantic about the decline of its global dominance and is therefore doubling down on imperialism. The Democratic and Republican parties both agree to blame China. The Pentagon agrees. NATO agrees.

They direct new sanctions, new tariffs and new rounds of propaganda at China. In the Pacific Ocean and South China Sea, U.S. strategists are rushing to construct a military alliance similar to NATO. It will

People’s China and the U.S.

In a capitalist economy, run for the benefit of corporate billionaires, the CEOs and Boards of Directors must base their decisions on maximizing profit — usually, in the shortest term. If they fail, they will lose their positions. Market cycles, not human needs, drive every decision in capitalist production; what is produced is decided by what can be immediately sold for profit.

In China, whose economy is still developing and is catching up in many areas, the major productive forces are owned collectively. Since decisions are not driven by profit, let alone short-term profit, rational planning is possible. Planned production is different from the boom-and-bust swings in capitalist economies. China has enjoyed steady development, year after year, for 75 years, without the recessions and rock-bottom depressions that have been a feature of every capitalist economy for 400 years.

The U.S. Military Budget: A Drain on the Economy

A capitalist economy depends on the state apparatus enforcing private ownership of all means of production and all resources. The police, the courts, the largest prison system on the planet and the giant, U.S.-commanded NATO military machine act as its enforcers. The U.S. military, by far the largest in NATO, has been U.S. capitalists’ shortest path to the highest profits for decades, with its huge, guaranteed, multi-billion-dollar annual subsidy.

In 2025, President Trump announced the largest military budget in history, more than \$1 trillion. “Nobody’s seen anything

like it,” he bragged. This means that the U.S. strategy is still to impose its military domination at the expense of funding for industrial development and infrastructure.

Federal funding has been pumped into the military for over four generations, providing huge subsidies and a guaranteed source of profits to U.S. defense corporations. But this “quick fix” has become a drag on the economy. It adds nothing of real value and weakens civilian infrastructure by draining the resources needed for vital social programs, including those that feed, house, provide medical care and educate the U.S. workforce.

The Chinese Revolution Shook the World

The Chinese Revolution was an upheaval that shook the world. It aroused workers and peasants globally. It achieved victory because it was led by the Communist Party of China (CPC), which broke with the dominant imperialist powers that had looted China.

The early accomplishments made by what was then a totally impoverished country were enormous, including evicting the imperialist powers from China and opening the road to a new society. China faced enormous impediments in this task; its many contradictions led to fierce debates within the CPC.

In an all-out effort to strangle this revolution, the U.S. and its allies walled China off from Western trade and technology during its first 30 years after the revolution.

During that time, the CPC reorganized agriculture as well as the basic industries that had survived decades of civil war and Japanese and Western colonial occupation.

Every step forward required a mass mobilization involving the great energy of millions of people. They collectively organized mass immunizations and literacy programs and built basic schools, sanitation and irrigation systems, dams and other infrastructure. They collectivized the land and enthusiastically ripped out the feudal landlord system, root and branch.

1978: Reform and Opening Up — The Compromise

However, the world dominated by monopoly capital was also changing fast, and the leadership of the CPC decided to turn toward gaining access to Western technology and trade. Beginning in 1978, China focused intensively on its development and on gaining Western investment. This necessarily opened China’s economy to hostile class elements, as Western investments of money, machinery, technology and skills flooded into China, creating a new domestic capitalist class.

The compromise included concessions and profits to the capitalist class internationally and distortions of China’s socialist structure. Some observers wondered if the CPC could balance the emerging contradictions and still maintain the party’s socialist goals, and many in the West said that the enthusiasm engendered by Western corporations’ heavy investments in China had already succeeded in bringing China back into the capitalist orbit. Judging by their enthusiastic focus on China, the big corporate investors certainly must have assumed that they would be able to overturn China’s socialist base.

The emergence of a class of Chinese millionaires and billionaires and a stratum that looked to and studied in the West was certainly politically disorienting. Many who had been strong supporters of China in the past assumed that the socialist base of the Chinese state was totally lost. But both the Western capitalists and the disilluminated supporters of China were wrong. □

Lies & hype around the Kirk assassination

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rights of LGBTQIA2S+ people and then slander and insult those they attack. We don't mourn those who slander migrants and other people of color.

We don't know for sure who killed Trump's agent Charlie Kirk or what the motive was. The police authorities have a young suspect in custody, Tyler Robinson, and have control of the information. The media keep changing their stories about the suspect. Up to Sept. 15, no one has found any connection between

the suspect and any organization left of the Republican Party.

We do know, however, about Kirk, what he said, wrote and was preparing to do, as he was a very public figure. So far it's easy enough to find his statements online if you can stomach reading them. We find his quotes toxic and so would our readers. Those who wish to can check out his comments hostile to women's rights, Black people, the trans community and people born outside the United States. It is no stretch to say that Kirk aggressively pushed Christian white nationalism.

Trump's cabal has threatened to punish journalists or analysts who speak or publish anything critical about what Kirk has said so often, including his goals. Some journalists and officials have already been fired or punished for simply telling the truth about what Kirk has said and done.

The MAGA administration is exploiting this killing to open a broad attack on the "left," by which it means anyone who refuses to submit to its reactionary rule. That there's no shown tie of the suspect to any left organization is no obstacle to Trump's promoting lies or attacking

enemies and rivals.

It's up to all who think of themselves as opponents of Trump's reactionary rule to stick together and defend anyone who speaks out against the Trump program, which Kirk spoke for. Defend all those who tell the truth about what was said and who organize against MAGA.

Defend all who refuse to mourn. To paraphrase labor organizer and martyr Joe Hill's statement for a new context, those who "don't mourn" must "organize." □

WW COMMENTARY

Ultraright weaponizes Kirk's killing

By Janisse Miles

On September 10, gunfire opened on a college campus. What made this different from a regular day on U.S. soil is that this was not a mass shooting. One single shot rang out, and instead of hitting a student, it hit the speaker for the event being held, white supremacist podcaster Charlie Kirk, quickly killing him.

And although it could have been clear that the shooter was not a liberal, given that his finger was on a trigger and not a "send tweet" button, the Trump administration and its loyalists immediately began to fantasize about a civil war.

Kirk's death was confirmed by Trump on Truth Social at 2:40 that afternoon. At 3:03 p.m., Matt Forney, a well-known author in white supremacist circles, tweeted the following: "Charlie Kirk being assassinated is the American Reichstag fire. It is time for a complete crackdown on the left. Every Democratic politician must be arrested and the party banned under RICO. Every

'libtard.' commentator must be shut down. Stochastic terrorism. They caused this." (@realmattforney on X)

At 4:47 p.m., an account specializing in U.S. Homeland Security updates posted: "OPEN CARRY EVERYWHERE NOW! CIVIL WAR HAS BEGUN" (U.S. Homeland Security News on X, Sept. 10)

And at 4:47 p.m., South Carolina Republican Congressional Rep. Nancy Mace stated: "Democrats own what happened today. ... just because you speak your mind on an issue [aka spread Nazi ideology] doesn't mean you get shot." (Leah V. on X, Sept. 10)

Half-mast for a fascist

Trump did not waste time ordering every state in the country to fly their flags at half-mast on Sept. 11 through Sept. 14 for Kirk. Ironically, Kirk himself has said, "I think it's worth it to have a cost of, unfortunately, some gun deaths every single year so that we can have the Second Amendment to protect our other God-given rights."

Three states — New York, New Jersey and Minnesota — did not lower their flags for Kirk. But from Trump and Vice President JD Vance to New York City mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, politicians of both major parties were not only condemning "political violence," but condemning the people on the left who refused to mourn a white supremacist.

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth directed his staff to report military personnel celebrating or not condemning Kirk's death; the internet opens that directive to the public with an online database with the name of CharlieKirkMemory.

MSNBC political analyst Matthew Dowd was fired immediately after simply saying on air, "Hateful words lead to hateful actions," as that was not sycophantic enough and was counted as a "celebration."

Black campuses receive death threats

And with Black people being blamed somehow, although the assassination occurred in majority white Utah and on a majority white college campus, historic Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) received an influx of threats by people claiming Black people weren't condemning his death properly.

As with all the mass shootings of at least the last decade, while the shooter's identity was still unknown, the ultraright spent the time hoping they were not white or if they were white, that they were at least transgender. In fact, Utah Gov. Spencer Cox confessed at a press conference two days later that he spent all 33 hours that the shooter was at large hoping that "we could blame this on Muslims or migrants," presumably so the U.S. can

immediately launch the race war the right fantasizes about and/or start another war against a Muslim country. Cox was devastated when it turned out to be the usual demographic, a white man, and lamented that his "prayers have not been answered." (Fuzan Gözükarar on X)

When the suspect was revealed to be 22-year-old Tyler Robinson, very much not on the left ideologically, some bigots still clung to hope that they'd have at least one marginalized group to "justifiably" commit hate crimes against in retaliation, after initial reports that the bullets had trans "ideology" inscribed on them. This turned out to be the manufactures label, TRN. Not giving up yet, the current claim is that Robinson had a transgender lover. (cnn, Sept. 12)

Some right-wingers are still ready to wage war on whoever, even if the narrative doesn't fit, including now-widowed Erika Kirk, who threatened, "You have no idea what you have unleashed across this country and the world." (bbc.com, Sept. 13)

Other voices changed their tune; Rep. Mace suddenly called the shooter a "lost individual" to pray for. Trump, the same day, changed the subject completely; when asked how he's holding up, he immediately brought up developments on the new White House ballroom being built, since no Democrat or oppressed group can be blamed for what happened to Kirk. Just one of their own.

The orientation of the revolutionary left should be to prepare for more repression while continuing to organize the masses of workers and oppressed people against the capitalist system — the source of all fascist reaction from the White House to propagandist influencers such as Kirk. □



This Aug. 14, 2017, vigil in Harrison, Virginia was in response to a nearby fascist march in Charlottesville, Virginia, where Nazis were promoting white supremacy and killed anti-fascist protester Heather Heyer.

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remonta a los días de los «cazadores de esclavos» que perseguían a los africanos esclavizados fugados. A esto siguieron los Códigos Negros posteriores a la esclavitud, cuando se arrestaba y encarcelaba a los negros por infracciones menores, sentando las bases del terror fascista impuesto a las masas negras del Sur tras la derrota de la Reconstrucción radical.

Muchos de nosotros recordamos cuando se desplegó la Guardia Nacional en ciudades urbanas como Detroit, Newark y Los Ángeles durante la década de 1960 para reprimir las rebeliones provocadas por la brutalidad policial y

alimentadas por las mismas condiciones inhumanas actuales, pero esas condiciones se han extendido a toda la clase.

Las fuerzas en Los Ángeles y D.C. se han unido contra el ICE, la policía y la Guardia Nacional y ahora en Chicago, y nuestro movimiento debe extender la solidaridad a todos los que están bajo el asedio inmediato de estas tácticas fascistas. Justo ayer, 6 de septiembre, hubo una enorme marcha anti-Trump de miles de personas en D.C. exigiendo «Liberar a D.C.» de esta represión.

La unidad de toda la clase es clave

A la luz de esta crisis sin precedentes, no podemos permitirnos que nuestro movimiento se divida y actúe sólo en

interés de nuestras organizaciones individuales. Ésta es una receta para el desastre. Lo que se necesita para que nuestra clase se convierta en los sepultureros del capitalismo, predicho hace casi 180 años en El Manifiesto Comunista, es una perspectiva de clase obrera con visión de futuro.

Debemos tomar ejemplo de la heroica Resistencia Palestina, formada por facciones laicas y no laicas, que ha construido un fuerte frente unido con un objetivo común: liberar sus tierras ancestrales y ganar la soberanía frente al imperialismo y su socio en crímenes de guerra, el sionismo. Y esta resistencia de 77 años contra el genocidio y la limpieza étnica, especialmente desde el 7 de octubre de

2023, ha inspirado un mayor nivel de resistencia al imperialismo en todo el Sur Global y el Norte Global.

Nuestra estrategia —una estrategia que requerirá un nivel de unidad, urgencia y análisis político que aún no tenemos pero que debemos organizarnos para conseguir— es que la lucha para detener la ley marcial y el despliegue de tropas en casa y en el extranjero es una lucha de clases. Esto significa que la clase obrera tiene que ser central en esta lucha — no periférica o una ocurrencia tardía. ¿Cómo puede hacerse esto? Si lo comprendemos y tenemos la voluntad de hacerlo, entonces encontraremos la estrategia y la táctica que lo harán posible.

¡Viva el internacionalismo! □

To fight martial law plans

Our movement cannot afford to be divided

By Monica Moorehead

The following is based on a talk given by Monica Moorehead, Workers World managing editor and former Workers World Party presidential candidate, for a Sept. 7, 2025, webinar entitled “The wars come home: Troops out of our cities! ICE out of our communities!” sponsored by the United National Antiwar Committee (UNAC).

Other speakers on the webinar included Ajamu Baraka — Director of Black Alliance for Peace’s North-South Project and UNAC Administrative Committee; Cristobal Cavazos — Immigrant Solidarity DuPage; and Frank Chapman — Executive Director, National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. The webinar was chaired by Joe Lombardo, UNAC co-chair. View the entire program at UNAC’s YouTube channel. (youtube.com/@unac4073/videos)

Let us not be confused or narrowly focused. There are many reasons why President Trump changed the Department of Defense to the Department of War. And it’s not just about the wars abroad but wars right here at home, which makes this webinar so timely. I thank UNAC for organizing this discussion. These wars at home and abroad are linked by the same inhumane, rotten, decaying system of imperialism.

Trump first declared open warfare on the entire U.S. working class when he fired tens of thousands of federal workers, a vast majority of them Black women, using Elon Musk’s Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE. Trump then attacked the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion (DEI) programs, passed under former President Biden, threatening to cut federal funding if these attacks were challenged.

An openly white supremacist in the White House is attempting to sweep away any progressive gains fought and died for by oppressed peoples to win some semblance of democratic rights long denied, beginning with settler colonialism and the theft of Indigenous lands, genocide and violations of sovereignty.

Sending armed troops, the National Guard, along with ICE, to join the police in the streets of Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Chicago and the many other cities

that Trump plans to impose military occupation on, is in preparation for an inevitable working-class rebellion.

The massive raid on the Hyundai plant in Georgia a few days ago, with the arrests of hundreds of mainly South Korean construction workers, should set off alarm bells throughout the entire labor movement, especially throughout the unorganized South where unions have been making some important gains from worker formations like the Southern Workers Assembly.

The white supremacist Trump government, which is widely supported by the bourgeois ruling class, is targeting migrant workers, Black and Brown people and multinational urban cities first

to crush the resistance and the rebellions whether in the form of protests, strikes or other militant struggle.

Labor unions and other worker formations must know this, understand this and prepare to defend their right to wage class struggle. There are reasons why the capitalists come for the most oppressed first, and then they target the entire working class.

When unemployment starts rising as it already has, and cuts to every basic need of the workers from health care to education to housing to food start really kicking in, the workers have no other choice but to fight back, and this is what the ruling class is losing sleep over and what Trump’s Department of War is preparing for.

Deploying troops city by city is very cal-

masses following the defeat of Radical Reconstruction.

Many of us remember when the National Guard was deployed to urban cities like Detroit, Newark and Los Angeles during the 1960s to suppress rebellions sparked by police brutality and fueled by the same inhumane conditions as today, but those conditions have expanded classwide.

Forces in Los Angeles and D.C. have been uniting against ICE, the police and the National Guard and now in Chicago, and our movement must extend solidarity to all who are under immediate siege by these fascist tactics. Just yesterday, Sept. 6, there was a huge anti-Trump march of thousands in D.C. demanding to “Free D.C.” from this repression.

Classwide unity is key

In light of this unprecedented crisis, we can’t afford for our movement to be divided and to act only in the interest of our individual organizations. This is a recipe for disaster. A forward-thinking, working-class perspective is what’s needed for our class to become the gravediggers of capitalism, predicted almost 180 years ago in The Communist Manifesto.

We must take a page from the heroic Palestinian Resistance, made up of both secular and non-secular factions, that has built a strong united front with a common goal — to liberate their ancestral lands and to win sovereignty from imperialism and its partner in war crimes, Zionism. And this 77-year-old resistance against genocide and ethnic cleansing, especially since Oct. 7, 2023, has inspired a higher level of resistance to imperialism throughout the Global South and Global North.

Our strategy — a strategy which will require a level of unity, urgency and political analysis that we don’t yet have, but must organize to get — is that the struggle to stop martial law and the deployment of troops at home and abroad is a class struggle. This means the working class has to be central in this struggle — not peripheral or an afterthought. How can this be done? If we comprehend this, and we have the will to do it, then we will find the strategy and tactics that will make it possible.

Long live internationalism! □



Residents protest plans to deploy National Guard to Washington, D.C., Aug. 12, 2025.

because this is about violently imposing white supremacy, including ethnic cleansing from gentrification to incarceration. Trump is targeting places like D.C. and Chicago to rally his demoralized MAGA base. And he’s also doing it to weaken the already anemic pro-war Democratic Party to steal the 2026 elections.

White supremacy hurts all workers

However, fundamentally, we can only understand what is happening if we see it within the context of the deepening capitalist economic crisis, the decline of U.S. imperialist global hegemony, and the coming intensification of class struggle. The ruling class is scared, desperate and preparing to fight for the survival of their dying system. So they are preparing

culated and very strategic. A major part of the strategy is to get us and the rest of society, including the political establishment, used to seeing troops in the streets. This is so when the time comes to crush resistance, by declaring martial law, it won’t be a shock. Moreover, the military and the police will have had the time to create the infrastructure necessary for the imposition of martial law.

Communities of color are no strangers to this kind of occupation and terror traced back to the days of “slave catchers” hunting down escaped enslaved African people. This was followed by the post-slavery Black Codes when Black people were arrested and incarcerated for minor infractions, laying the basis for fascist terror imposed on the Southern Black

SanctionsKill demands an end to U.S. aggression against Venezuela

SanctionsKill/Americas Without Sanctions, along with the National Network on Cuba, the Nicaragua Solidarity Coalition and the Venezuela Solidarity Network, issued the following statement on Sept. 12, 2025, to invite all people of conscience to share with their networks.

We condemn the escalating U.S. attacks on Venezuela that have been ongoing since the Bolivarian Revolution began in 1998, including pressuring the country to bend to U.S. interests through the imposition of unilateral coercive measures (“sanctions”) since 2015.

These illegal measures are deliberately designed to cause inhumane suffering to destabilize the country and compel regime change. It has always been clear that the sanctions on Venezuela are a ploy to gain access to the country’s vast natural resources, including the world’s largest oil

reserves.

While the coercive measures imposed on Venezuela “succeeded” in causing over 100,000 excess deaths, the imperial objective of regime change was thwarted by President Nicolás Maduro in concert with the people of the country and in firm alliance with their military.

President Trump has escalated the offensive by inventing the narco-terrorist myth, despite the fact that his own country is the world’s largest consumer of illicit drugs, biggest launderer of drug money and leading source of weaponry for the cartels.

Trump slapped a \$50 million bounty on Maduro’s head, unjustly accusing him of directing the largely defunct Tren de Aragua gang and leading the fictitious “Cartel of the Suns,” only to justify sanctions, embargoes and threats of military intervention, according to Pino Arlacchi, former executive director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

U.S. aggression is now shifting towards direct armed intervention, with an armada of warships, F-35 stealth aircraft and thousands of troops confrontationally deployed to the southern Caribbean to increase pressure on Venezuela. The presence of so much U.S. military might close to a country the U.S. has erroneously labeled an “enemy” constitutes a powder keg that could be ignited at any moment under false pretenses.

We have already seen the premeditated murder by U.S. forces of the crew in a small boat off the coast of Venezuela and cannot rule out attempts to assassinate the country’s leaders, as the U.S. and its partner Israel have ghoulishly done in West Asia. We demand an end to this impunity!

A majority of regional governments and some 80 countries around the world have decried the U.S. military threats to Venezuela. Any injury to Venezuela



President Maduro in Caracas, Venezuela, Feb. 7, 2019.

will threaten the peace and stability of the entire region, particularly Cuba and Nicaragua, the other heavily sanctioned independent countries that are demonized by the U.S. administration.

We demand an end to U.S. hybrid warfare — the misinformation campaigns and sanctions imposed over the past two decades — and a stop to this armed aggression. Venezuela is a beacon of hope for the people of the Americas and the world. We demand that the Venezuelan people be allowed to live in peace according to the form of government they have chosen.

U.S. hands off Venezuela!

No coups! No sanctions! No wars! □



Protesta en Washington, D.C., 6 de septiembre de 2025.

Para luchar contra los planes de la ley marcial

Nuestro movimiento no puede permitirse estar dividido

Por Monica Moorehead

Lo que sigue se basa en una charla impartida por Monica Moorehead, editora gerente de Mundo Obrero y ex candidata presidencial del Partido Mundo Obrero, para un seminario web del 7 de septiembre de 2025 titulado «Las guerras vuelven a casa: ¡Las tropas fuera de nuestras ciudades! ICE fuera de nuestras comunidades!» patrocinado por el Comité Nacional Unido Antiguerra (UNAC).

Otros ponentes del seminario web fueron Ajamu Baraka — Director del Proyecto Norte-Sur de la Alianza Negra por la Paz y del Comité Administrativo de la UNAC; Cristóbal Cavazos — Solidaridad con los Inmigrantes de DuPage; y Frank Chapman — Director Ejecutivo de la Alianza Nacional contra la Represión Racista y Política. El seminario web estuvo presidido por Joe Lombardo, copresidente de UNAC.

No nos dejemos confundir ni nos centremos estrechamente. Hay muchas razones por las que [el presidente] Trump cambió el Departamento de Defensa por el Departamento de Guerra. Y no se trata sólo de las guerras en el extranjero, sino de las guerras aquí mismo, en casa, lo que hace que este seminario web sea tan oportuno. Doy las gracias a la UNAC por organizar este debate. Estas guerras en casa y en el extranjero están vinculadas por el mismo sistema inhumano, podrido

y decadente del imperialismo.

Trump declaró primero la guerra abierta a toda la clase trabajadora estadounidense cuando despidió a decenas de miles de trabajadores federales, una gran mayoría de ellos mujeres negras, utilizando el Departamento de Eficiencia Gubernamental, o DOGE, de Elon Musk. A continuación, Trump atacó los programas de Diversidad, Igualdad e Inclusión (DEI), aprobados bajo el mandato del ex presidente Biden, amenazando con recortar la financiación federal si se cuestionaban estos ataques.

Un supremacista blanco en la Casa Blanca está intentando barrer con cualquier logro progresista por el que lucharon y murieron los pueblos oprimidos para ganar alguna apariencia de derechos democráticos negados durante mucho tiempo, empezando por el colonialismo de los colonos y el robo de tierras indígenas, el genocidio y las violaciones de la soberanía.

El envío de tropas armadas, la Guardia Nacional, junto con el ICE, para unirse a la policía en las calles de Los Ángeles, Washington, D.C., Chicago y las muchas otras ciudades a las que Trump planea imponer la ocupación militar, es una preparación para una inevitable rebelión de la clase trabajadora.

La redada masiva en la planta de Hyundai en Georgia hace unos días, con la detención de cientos de trabajadores de la construcción, principalmente

surcoreanos, debería hacer saltar las alarmas en todo el movimiento obrero, especialmente en todo el Sur no organizado, donde los sindicatos han estado consiguiendo algunos logros importantes gracias a formaciones de trabajadores como la Asamblea de Trabajadores del Sur.

El gobierno supremacista blanco de Trump, que cuenta con un amplio apoyo de la clase burguesa dominante, tiene como primer objetivo a los trabajadores inmigrantes, a los negros y marrones y a las ciudades urbanas multinacionales porque se trata de imponer violentamente la supremacía blanca, incluyendo la limpieza étnica desde el aburguesamiento hasta el encarcelamiento. Trump está apuntando a lugares como D.C. y Chicago para mitinar a su desmoralizada base MAGA. Y también lo está haciendo para debilitar al ya anémico Partido Demócrata pro-guerra para robar las elecciones de 2026.

La supremacía blanca perjudica a todos los trabajadores

Sin embargo, fundamentalmente, sólo podemos entender lo que está sucediendo si lo vemos en el contexto de la profundización de la crisis económica capitalista, el declive de la hegemonía mundial imperialista estadounidense y la próxima intensificación de la lucha de clases. La clase dominante está asustada, desesperada y se prepara para luchar por la supervivencia de su moribundo sistema. Así que se están preparando para doblegar

la resistencia y las rebeliones, ya sea en forma de protestas, huelgas u otras formas de lucha combativa.

Los sindicatos y otras formaciones de trabajadores deben saberlo, comprenderlo y prepararse para defender su derecho a librar la lucha de clases. Hay razones por las que ellos [los capitalistas] vienen primero a por los más oprimidos y luego apuntan a toda la clase obrera.

Cuando el desempleo empieza a aumentar como ya lo ha hecho, y los recortes a todas las necesidades básicas de los trabajadores, desde la sanidad a la educación, pasando por la vivienda y la alimentación, empiezan a hacer mella de verdad, los trabajadores no tienen otra opción que contraatacar, y esto es lo que quita el sueño a la clase dominante y para lo que se está preparando el Departamento de Guerra de Trump.

El despliegue de tropas ciudad por ciudad es muy calculado y muy estratégico. Una parte importante de la estrategia es acostumbrarnos a nosotros y al resto de la sociedad, incluida la clase política, a ver tropas en las calles. Así, cuando llegue el momento de doblegar la resistencia, declarando la ley marcial, no será un shock. Además, los militares y la policía habrán tenido tiempo de crear la infraestructura necesaria para la imposición de la ley marcial.

Las comunidades de color no son ajenas a este tipo de ocupación y terror que se

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Una máquina de matar, con cualquier nombre

Nunca se puede esperar que el régimen de Trump haga algo positivo por el pueblo trabajador de Estados Unidos, y mucho menos del resto del mundo. Pero a veces, por error, esta cuadrilla racista, misógina y belicista en el poder ahora hace algo que corta en ambos sentidos.

Tal fue su decisión de renombrar el «Departamento de Defensa» de nuevo al «Departamento de Guerra», como se llamaba hasta 1949.

El Secretario de Guerra, Pete Hegseth, dice que el cambio de nombre endurecerá al Pentágono. Lo mismo dice Trump. Afirman que el cambio de nombre contrarrestará las políticas «woke».

Recuerden que Hegseth tiene dos calificaciones principales para su puesto de Secretario de Guerra: ayudó a liberar a tropas especiales estadounidenses condenadas por crímenes de guerra en Irak y Afganistán; siempre adula a Trump.

Durante los más de 75 años de existencia del Departamento de Defensa, Estados Unidos inició docenas de guerras. Esto ocurrió tanto bajo administraciones demócratas como republicanas. Las Fuerzas Armadas estadounidenses recorrieron el planeta invadiendo y bombardeando países y matando a muchos millones de personas, en Corea, Vietnam,

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Afganistán e Irak, por ejemplo, sin que el nombre más suave, Departamento de

Defensa, se lo impidiera.

Es cierto, como ha dicho Trump, que Estados Unidos no ha ganado ninguna guerra desde la Segunda Guerra Mundial, pero no por contener la matanza.

El cambio de nombre simplemente elimina la mentira de que la máquina de matar estadounidense defiende a todo el pueblo de EE.UU. y que todas las guerras de EE.UU. son guerras defensivas. Esta mentira pretende engañar a la población estadounidense. La mayor parte del mundo no se deja engañar.

Al llamar al Pentágono Departamento de Guerra en lugar de Departamento de Defensa, el equipo de Trump ayuda a aclarar el verdadero propósito del Pentágono.

El Departamento de Guerra libra guerras agresivas para proteger y ampliar la propiedad privada, la riqueza y los beneficios de un minúsculo grupo de capitalistas y banqueros extremadamente ricos que constituyen la clase dominante imperia lista. Estos superricos cuentan con el ejército estadounidense para que les ayude a explotar el trabajo de miles de millones de trabajadores y agricultores de todo el mundo y a saquear los recursos naturales de la Tierra.



«Pete Hegseth, Secretario de Guerra»

Cuando los trabajadores y los pueblos oprimidos luchan por aumentar sus ingresos o las naciones luchan por la soberanía sobre la tierra en la que viven, el Departamento de Guerra los mata. Reprime estas luchas. Cientos de miles de tropas estadounidenses también murieron o resultaron heridas en guerras que inició Estados Unidos.

El Departamento de Guerra también proporciona beneficios al complejo militar-industrial. Es decir, garantiza beneficios a los capitalistas propietarios de las corporaciones armamentísticas. Este año el presupuesto sólo para el Departamento de Guerra es de más de 1 billón de dólares, un nuevo récord, todo tomado de los impuestos que pagan principalmente los trabajadores. El aumento del presupuesto, tomado con apoyo bipartidista en el Congreso, se transfiere a los ya superricos.

Solo el aumento del año pasado podría financiar fácilmente los servicios recortados de la sanidad y la educación.

Ningún trabajador de Estados Unidos debería arriesgar su propia vida o matar a otras personas para servir a los intereses de esta clase dirigente asquerosamente rica. Ni en Asia Occidental, ni en el Mar del Sur de China, ni en Corea, ni en Europa del Este. Ni en África. Ni en el Caribe contra los venezolanos. O en Washington, D.C., Los Ángeles o Chicago contra los inmigrantes, los negros y otros trabajadores.

Ya sea que MAGA o los republicanos de la vieja escuela o los demócratas estén a cargo, la clase trabajadora necesita resistir al Departamento de Guerra. Las tropas dentro del ejército deben resistir las órdenes ilegales de la Casa Blanca.

Llevemos el cambio de nombre un paso más allá y hagamos que el «Departamento de W.A.R.» signifique «Departamento de Beneficios de las Armas, Agresión y Represión» (Department of Weapons profits, Aggression and Repression). Y dejemos que cualquiera que se escandalice por el cambio de nombre asimile la lección de lo que son realmente las Fuerzas Armadas estadounidenses: instrumentos de agresión y represión para obtener superbeneficios para unos minúsculos gobernantes indeciblemente ricos. □